

NO INSPECTOR  
OF FINANCESuccessor to F. S. Platt Has  
Not Been Appointed

## TERM EXPIRED YESTERDAY

Seems to Be Difference of Opinion Over  
His Reappointment — Bill to  
Circumvent the  
Governor.

Montpelier, Dec. 1.—The state of Vermont is now without an inspector of finance, but office not having been included in the list of those made by Governor Bell prior to December 1. Therein lies a good deal of interest. Report has it that the governor would like to appoint a certain St. Johnsbury man, while the legislative branch of the government would like to have the present incumbent, F. S. Platt, reappointed. As the statutes now are, the governor need not pay any attention to the wishes of the general assembly, his appointment of inspector of finance not requiring confirmation. The legislature proposes to have something to say, and a bill has been introduced amending the statutes so that the appointment shall be made "with the advice and consent of the Senate, and he shall hold office until his successor is duly appointed and qualified."

To make more certain of having the legislative wish gratified the House amended the bill so that the present inspector (supposedly F. S. Platt) shall hold office until his successor has been appointed and confirmed. Then a hurry-up move was made and the rules were suspended, the bill was read a third time and then passed. Mr. Blanchard of Newport explained the hasty action by saying that the state is now without an inspector and "quick action was necessary."

The Senate is circulating a petition asking for the reappointment of F. S. Platt as inspector. The petition, it is understood, is signed by all except three members.

Another official yet to be appointed is the state tax commissioner and the same complication surrounds that. J. E. Cushman of Burlington was the official.

**An Economical Struck.**  
The House got economical this forenoon and stopped the progress of the bill to increase the salary of the Supreme Court judges from \$3,000 to \$3,500. The bill had been favorably reported by the committee on judiciary. Mr. Pitts of Brattleboro stood up for the bill in the face of a heavy opposition. Agan of Ludlow and Darr of Springfield, supported him. Those opposing were Gusha of Royalton, Rhyther of Dover, Atwood of Cornwall, Shepley of Shelburne, Haggood of Peru and Maxfield of Johnson.

**Governor Makes More Appointments.**  
Governor Bell has appointed the following officers: Tuberculosis commission, Don D. Grout, M. D., of Ludlow, Lorenzo W. Hubbard, M. D., of Lyndon, Henry Bullard of Burlington, and Edward R. Campbell, M. D., of Bellows Falls.

Board of visitors to Norwich University, George O. Stratton of Montpelier, Oscar G. Eaton of Waitfield, John A. James of Weybridge, and Marshall M. Stocker of Danville (all to be confirmed by the Senate).

Board of dental examiners, George F. Cheney of St. Johnsbury, for 5 years; K. Longfellow Claves of Montpelier, for 4 years; Luther E. Mellen of Middlebury, for 3 years; E. O. Blanchard of Randolph, for 2 years; J. Holmes Jackson of Burlington, for one year.

**Municipal Women's Suffrage Again.**  
As a special order the Senate took up its own bill granting municipal suffrage to women and ordered it to a third reading with slight opposition. Senator Skinner of Orleans spoke for the bill, explaining that it gives municipal suffrage only such women as pay taxes.

**A Legislative Junket.**  
A "junket" is in view for the joint committee on the house of correction as a resolution has been introduced in the House allowing them to visit and inspect the state institution at Rutland. The House adopted it.

The census and the automobile bills, two of the most important before the legislature, were ordered to a third reading with no opposition and without a dissenting voice. The census bill has already been passed by the Senate. The automobile bill has taken its first step, having to go before the Senate.

The House passed a number of bills including those relating to distribution of state reports, regulating purchase of supplies (preventing excessive prices being paid) amending the acts fixing the compensation of members of state boards and making the same uniform; amending statutes relating to transient officers, amending the statutes relating to fishing and fish protection, enlarging powers of the state board of health.

The Senate passed the following bills, rooms, etc., regulating purchase of supplies for state institutions, relating to support of normal schools and relating to school attendance.

A bill was introduced in the Senate to reorganize the fish and game commission, making one instead of two and authorizing the appointment by him of fish and game wardens, the salary of the commission to be \$1,000 and actual expenses and warden \$2 per day.

**Would Strip Governor of Power.**  
The House of Representatives would strip the governor of the power of appointing the state railroad commission. They yesterday afternoon passed the

bill making the commission elective by the legislature and fixing their salary at \$4 per diem instead of \$6 as now. There was a warm argument over the bill. Mr. Eddy of Stowe, the introducer of the bill, with Mr. Start of Bakersfield, favored, and the opposition was headed by Mr. Lewis of Troy and Mr. Blanchard of Newport. Mr. Start said that the present commission exists for the purpose of paying political debts. He believed that better men would compose the commission if they were elected by the legislature.

Mr. Lewis of Troy asked Mr. Start wherein the commission had failed to do its duty.

Said Mr. Start: "It has failed in this way—it hasn't done nothing." Mr. Start sat down amid a round of laughter and the bill was passed viva voce.

## Spring Water Bill Killed.

The bill amending the charter of the Barre Spring and Fountain Water Co., killed in the House this afternoon.

## Bills Signed By The Governor.

H. 71. An Act relating to paying allowance to widows.  
H. 98. An act to pay certain persons the sums therein named.  
H. 99. An act appropriating a sum not exceeding a certain sum for the support of the Vermont Soldiers' Home.

H. 123. An act to legalize the quadrumal appraisal of real estate and the grand lists for the town of Bloomfield for the years therein named.

H. 308. An act relating to teachers' certificates.

H. 438. An act creating the tuberculosis commission.

H. 232. An act to amend the charter of the village of Winoski.

H. 290. An act authorizing the Deerfield River Co. to issue bonds.

H. 304. An act in amendment of Section 2585 of V. S., relating to burial grounds.

H. 315. An act to incorporate the Newport and Derby Electric company.

H. 33. An act to authorize the Northfield graded school district to issue bonds.

H. 334. An act to amend Sec. 11 of No. 159 of the Acts of 1896, relating to the village of Hyde Park.

H. 34. An act in amendment of No. 240 of the Acts of 1902, entitled "An Act to enable the Whitcomb high school to issue its bonds for the purpose of building a school building and furnishing the same."

H. 346. An act empowering fire districts Nos. 1 and 2 in the town of Cavendish to erect and maintain street lights.

H. 359. An act to incorporate the White River Junction and Interstate Telephone company.

H. 369. An act to amend the charter of Goddard seminary.

H. 385. An act to incorporate the Hartford Cemetery Association.

H. 417. An act to amend an act entitled, "An Act to incorporate the Andrews Aqueduct Company," approved November 23, 1896.

H. 454. An act authorizing the Vergennes Graded School district to issue its notes for the purpose of funding, a debt created in building an addition to its present high school building and completing and furnishing the same.

## LEGISLATIVE NOTES.

In the manual of the present legislature the religious preference of Dr. E. H. Bailey of Barre town is given as "Granville." The doctor considers that as pretty liberal.

The House had begun to be worried about Mr. Haggood of Peru when he appeared yesterday afternoon for the first time after the recess. Things went along as usual then.

Among the claims allowed by the court of claims which closed up its business last night are, \$261.81 to E. A. Hoar of Barre for services as state attorney during the sickness of the late Frank A. Bailey; \$122.50 to M. M. Gordon of Barre in connection with the Crotto murder case; \$237.10 to ex-Sheriff G. B. Evans for chasing Adelbert Martin, who was charged with burglary and rape; \$24 to F. M. Andreanni of Barre for services as interpreter. The largest claim allowed was \$834.63 to Robert A. Blair of Arlington in connection with the Sargood-Doyle colt poisoning case in Bennington county. The total amount allowed was \$3,917.40. A bill was introduced in the House today covering the appropriation of that amount.

## SURE ADAMS IS DEAD.

Embalming fluid injected in body of Chester's "Gentleman Burglar."

Windsor, Nov. 30.—The report that Clarence Adams, the gentleman burglar from Chester, is alive in Montreal, is not generally credited here. Several prison officials were interviewed today and are positive that Adams died in the prison hospital last February and Dr. John D. Brewster, the prison physician, says that Adams died as above stated from oedema of the lungs.

L. F. Cabot, the undertaker who cared for the body after death, says that he injected three quarts of embalming fluid into the body after death. His assistant, W. C. Cabot, took the body from the undertaking rooms, where it lay for over a day, and carried it in the casket to the tomb at Cavendish, where it was afterwards buried in the Adams family lot. If there was any tampering with the body it must have been done after the body left Windsor.

## LEGAL PROCEEDINGS DROPPED.

Mrs. Chadwick Convinces Newton She Can and Will Pay Her Bills.

New York, Dec. 1.—Mrs. Cassie L. Chadwick, the Cleveland society woman whose financial dealings have caused so much stir, has satisfied Herbert Newton of Brookline, Mass., that she can and will pay the \$100,000 that she borrowed from him and as a result proceedings against her will be dropped. The surveillance which has been kept on the woman while at the Holland House has been dropped and in company with her son she left today. It is believed this marks her departure from New York for Cleveland.

## Cotton Market Collapses.

New York, Dec. 1.—Amid intense excitement and heavy trading the cotton market collapsed this morning, some positions dropping as much as 26 points. The estimates of a yield of not less than 12,000,000 bales was reasonable for the break.

COMMAND  
THE HARBORCapture of "203 Meter Hill"  
by Japanese

## AFTER A FIERCE BATTLE

Advance Began Yesterday Forenoon, but  
Was Not Successful Until  
Eight O'Clock Last  
Night.

Tokio, Dec. 1.—It is announced officially today that the Japanese forces charged to the top of "203 Meter Hill" at seven o'clock this morning and an hour later occupied the entire summit. The Russians left heaps of dead on the field.

The official report on the taking of "203 Meter Hill" follows: "Our army began the bombardment of 203 Meter Hill at dawn yesterday. We made several charges before afternoon, all of which failed, owing to the enemy's stubborn resistance. At 5 p. m. we advanced against the southeastern part of the hill and after a fierce fight we got within 30 yards of the summit. At 7 p. m. after we had been reinforced, the charge was renewed, and we succeeded in reaching the top. Our forces operating against the northeastern fort were similarly successful and at 8 p. m. the entire fortifications on top of the hill fell into our hands. The Russians left heaps of dead on the eastern side of the hill but we had no time to investigate them." 203 Meter Hill commands Port Arthur Harbor.

## AFTER SHIPS.

Russian Officers Visit Dock Yards at  
Rome.

London, Dec. 1.—The Rome correspondent of the Central News wires that several Russian officials have arrived in the Italian capital and have obtained permission to visit the dock yards. It is stated that the visitors intend to order the construction in Italy, of four battleships and six cruisers.

## WAS BURNED TO DEATH.

Horrible Fate of Mrs. Hiram J. Wells.  
—Who Was a Bride.

Littleton, N. H., Nov. 30.—News of a horrible fatality of which a young woman, formerly Miss Florence Holbrook, was the victim, at Learned Plains, Que., has reached here and caused sorrow among many friends. The young woman was a bride, her marriage to Hiram J. Wells having taken place only a few weeks ago, and she was burned to death at her new home by the explosion of a kerosene lamp. She lived three days after the accident and died just seven weeks from the wedding day.

Five years ago, she spent the winter in the west part of Littleton with her aunt, Mrs. Aaron Edmunds, and he her charming personality and fine disposition, endeared herself to many. Friends here received the cards announcing her wedding, which took place in the church at Island Brook, Que., where for years she had been a faithful organist. Much sympathy is expressed here for the grief stricken parents and husband.

## W. C. T. U. MATTERS.

Members Will Not Patronize Stores Selling  
Intoxicating Liquors.

Philadelphia, Nov. 30.—Organizers from all sections of the country occupied the attention of the delegates to the convention of the Women's Christian Temperance Union at today's early session.

The convention approved a pledge withdrawing the patronage of the members of the union from any store that sells intoxicating liquors. An amendment to the constitution requiring honorary male members to abstain from the use of tobacco was voted by a vote of 28 to 23. An Amendment raising the dues was also defeated, but another amendment making all vice-presidents at large and first vice-presidents members of the executive board, prevailed.

## AGENT HAS SKIPPED.

Singer Sewing Machine Company Looking  
for J. B. Moore of Middlebury.

Middlebury, Nov. 30.—J. B. Moore, Addison county agent for the Singer Sewing Machine company, has disappeared from view and his whereabouts at the present time are not known. With Moore are the accounts which he should have submitted to J. P. Cobb, Jr., of Burlington, the manager of the company for the district, embracing Addison, Chittenden and Grand Isle counties, so it cannot be said to what extent the Singer company is a loser through him.

## BRIGHAM PLEADED GUILTY.

New Hampshire Murderer Will Be Sentenced  
to Life Imprisonment.

Portsmouth, N. H., Dec. 1.—Charles H. Brigham was arraigned in court this morning charged with the murder of Mrs. Collie Smith of Londonderry. He pleaded guilty to murder in the second degree and will be sentenced to imprisonment for life.

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SUICIDE AT  
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Work for Dr. Mayo

## TAKES CARBOLIC ACID

Dies From Effects Within a Few Minutes — No Cause Assigned  
for the Rash  
Deed.

Northfield, Dec. 1.—Frank Condor, man-of-all-work for Dr. W. B. Mayo, committed suicide last night by taking carbolic acid.

Condor, who made his home at Dr. Mayo's, went to his room about 9:30 last evening and soon after a noise was heard of some one falling. The occupants of the house went to his room at once and found him lying on the floor with a bottle which had contained carbolic acid nearby. Condor's face and mouth were burned by carbolic acid, but Condor was beyond help within five minutes. He was 38 years old, unmarried, and was the son of Mrs. James Kennedy of this place. He was a faithful worker. No cause is assigned for the rash deed.

## FIFTY YEARS MARRIED.

Golden Wedding of Mr. and Mrs. Charles  
Burridge of Braintree.

Randolph, Dec. 1.—A large number of the friends and relatives of Mr. and Mrs. Charles Burridge gathered at their home in Braintree yesterday afternoon and evening and assisted them in the celebration of the 50th anniversary of their marriage. Mr. and Mrs. Burridge were married Thanksgiving, November 30, 1854, by the Rev. Leonard Wheeler, pastor of the Christian church in Randolph. October 19, 1837, within a few miles of where he now resides. He was one of a family of twelve children and is now the only living member of that family. He has always been a resident of Braintree and for the past 35 years has lived at his present home, where he has engaged successfully in farming and lumbering. Mrs. Burridge was the second child of Wyman and Lucinda Neff, who resided in Braintree. She was born May 21, 1834, and boasts of the fact that she has never lived over one mile from her birth place. Mr. and Mrs. Burridge enjoy good health and both are engaged in the active pursuits of life. Eight children were born to them, two daughters and six sons. Five sons are living, and of these four attended the reception together with their six or seven grandchildren. A baked bean supper was served to the guests and a pleasant evening was enjoyed by all. Mr. and Mrs. Burridge were recipients of many presents.

## REV. N. PROULX INJURED.

Heavily Thrown While Trying to Jump  
from Runaway Team.

Rutland, Nov. 30.—While trying to jump from a carriage to escape injury in a runaway accident, the Rev. N. Proulx, rector of the Church of the Sacred Heart of Mary, was quite seriously hurt tonight. He was riding with Thomas Courcelle at the time of the accident. The horse became frightened at an electric car and turned sharply, upsetting the carriage. Just as Father Proulx attempted to jump, the horse lunged forward with great force. He was immediately taken to his home, where Dr. A. H. Bellerose attended his injuries, which consisted of three deep scalp wounds, a broken collar bone and a bad shaking up. No serious results are expected.

## CAN'T KILL THE CATTLE.

State Officers Held Up in Enforcing New  
York's Tuberculosis Law.

Ogdensburg, Nov. 30.—Pending a hearing before Judge Kellogg on Saturday, an injunction has been granted to H. E. Smith of Massena restraining state officers from killing alleged tubercular cattle on his farm, and from digging trenches thereon for burying the same.

Smith has brought action in the supreme court for damages against W. M. E. Kelly, chief veterinarian Albany, and Alex Brasher, who applied the tuberculosis test, reporting 53 out of 59 cows affected on the Smith farm. He also alleges that the officers applied the test without authority.

## TOOL SHARPENERS GIVE \$119.

Vote to Give That Amount to Fall River  
Textile Workers.

At a meeting of the local tool sharpeners' union Tuesday evening, the men voted to do as the stone cutters had done, and give one dollar each to the Fall River strikers. There are 119 members in the union, so the sharpeners' donation toward the aid of the striking Fall River men will be \$119.

## EXODUS OF ITALIANS.

Those Homeward Bound Overtook Steam-  
ships.

New York, Nov. 30.—More Italians are returning to Italy at the present time than ever before, according to statements issued by the various steamship companies whose boats run from this city to Italian ports. All the steamships sailing this week are crowded, and many Italians have been unable to secure accommodations.

## MISS MAUD ROSEN

Dies From Operation for Appendicitis  
at Ashland, N. H.

Maud Rosen, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Douglas G. Rosen of Barre, died in Ashland, N. H., last night, as the result of an operation for appendicitis.

Miss Rosen was teaching in Ashland public schools and was taken suddenly ill a week ago last Saturday. Her father was notified Sunday that his daughter would have to undergo an operation, which was performed that day. A few days after the operation a high fever set in and Miss Rosen grew rapidly worse until death came last night.

Miss Rosen was born in South Ryegate, this state, 21 years ago. When she was a small child her people moved to this city where she received her education, graduating from Goddard seminary in June, 1903.

Miss Rosen has a host of friends in this city to mourn her death, besides the members of her family who are her father and mother, Mr. and Mrs. Douglas G. Rosen, of Barre town, George, of South Ryegate, Douglas G. C., of Barre, and Matthew of Chicago, her brothers, Mrs. Thomas Sherill, Miss Mabel Rosen and Mrs. Robert Kelley, her sisters.

The body will be brought to South Barre and the funeral arrangements will be announced later.

## FUNERAL OF PERRIN BANCROFT.

Funeral Held at His Late Home Yesterday  
Afternoon.

The funeral of the late Perrin Bancroft was held from the house at 1 o'clock yesterday afternoon, Rev. Asa M. Bradley of the Universalist church officiating. There was a large attendance of neighbors and friends and many beautiful floral offerings testified to the esteem with which the deceased was held. The interment was in Elmwood cemetery.

The pall bearers were Calvin Bassett, Al Parkhurst, Jerry Hutchinson and William Gale.

## THE CATHOLIC FAIR.

Booths Did a Good Business Last Evening.

The Catholic fair last evening drew a moderate sized crowd. A short miscellaneous programme was carried out, and the solicitors and booths did a rushing business.

In yesterday's paper the solo by little Joseph McTurk was left out by accident. The solo was much appreciated by the audience, and the little soloist received a \$5 gold piece from a member of the audience to show how well he did.

The programme for tonight will be the Minstrels. Interlocutor—Frank Brown, Bones—D. J. Sullivan, Jas. Monahan, A. J. Gravin. Tambos—G. Douglas, A. J. Guthrie, Geo. Laviolette. Company—Jas. Bennett, Jno. Heney, Geo. Trembley, Chas. Frenier, M. Hamel, Wm. Monahan, Wm. Marston, Jno. Nelson, Walter Scott, Ezra White, H. Frenier, O. N. Boyce, Wm. Robertson.

## THE UNIVERSALIST FAIR.

Large Attendance at Second Evening—  
Close Tonight.

The Universalist Winter Picnic was again largely attended last evening, both at the supper and at the entertainment afterwards. The programme for the entertainment was given by the young people of the Sunday school and was very interesting and enjoyable. The Japanese doll drill was very pretty and well done by the young ladies. The drill was accompanied by music from Gilbertson's orchestra.

Tonight the best entertainment of the fair will be given, the principal feature being a farce entitled "His Lucky Day," which will be presented by J. Ward Carver as Jack Arnold, a young law student; Dr. F. M. Lynde as Gaston, known as the Count Deloussillon; Miss Alice Averill as Helen Bascom, an American heiress.

## BARRE FARMERS' CLUB BANQUET.

Will Tell Governor Bell What They  
Know About Farming.

The Barre City Farmers' club, whose membership is made up of city residents who own farms outside the city limits, is going to have a banquet at the City Hotel tomorrow evening. Governor Bell, Representative Darling of Chelsea, Page of Barre and the city council of Barre have been invited and are expected to be present. The banquet will be in the nature of a good substantial farmer's dinner, and the members will all do their level best to tell Gov. Bell something new about farming. The members of the club are George B. Milne, John E. Smith, W. F. Shepard, George Cassie, W. D. Smith, W. S. Page, H. C. Leonard, John Morrison, S. D. Allen, Donald Smith, W. C. Quinlen, F. A. Slayton, Geo. E. McFarland and H. J. Smith.

## WALKER-RYAN.

Marriage of Barre Young People by Rev.  
T. H. Mitchell Last Evening.

Miss Hannah Margaret Ryan, sister of Mrs. William Pradd of Long street, was married to William H. Walker, at 7 o'clock last evening at the Rev. T. H. Mitchell's rooms on Summer street, Mr. Mitchell performing the ceremony. They were unattended.

Mr. Walker is with the firm of George Walker & Sons. Mr. and Mrs. Walker will have rooms in the Miles' building.

## ST. JOHN-BROWN.

Barre Young Man Married at Berlin  
This Morning.

Fred St. John of this city and Miss Mabel Brown of Berlin, granddaughter of Theodore Brown, were married at the bride's home in Berlin at 9:30 this forenoon, Rev. W. J. O'Sullivan officiating. Mr. and Mrs. St. John went immediately to Barre, where a wedding breakfast was served at the home of the bridegroom's parents. They will reside in Barre.

BARRE MEN  
PROTESTManufacturers Don't Want  
Weekly Payment Law.

## WHILE THEIR WORKMEN DO

Opposing Forces Met Before Senate Ju-  
diary Committee Last Evening.  
Resulting in a Decidedly In-  
teresting Time.

"How are you, Brother Bruce? I am glad to see you're around when the public good has to be conserved," was the rather tart greeting corporation counsel H. H. Powers of the Rutland R. R. gave Fred Bruce of the Barre Central Labor Union at the weekly payment bill hearing before the Senate judiciary committee last evening. And the flow of words was on. It continued for three solid hours. The hearing was held in the large coat room at the State House in Montpelier and the place was crowded to the doors with an audience of eager listeners. The weekly payment bill hearing always brings out some interesting debates and last evening's session was no different than usual.

Practically the whole discussion revolved about Barre and the granite business. And the unexpected thing about it was the appearance of a dozen or more representatives of the Barre manufacturers who protested vigorously against the passage of the bill. Heretofore the granite manufacturers have kept silent on the matter. Next to Attorney Powers of the Rutland R. R., they were the chief objectors last evening. The bill was defended by representatives of Barre unions in great part, there being a delegation of a dozen or more present. Organizer Fred Bruce and Alex Robertson, secretary of the cutters' union, were the principal speakers for that side.

The bill which provides weekly payments by corporations, will most likely find its grave in the Senate chamber, even though it should be reported favorably by the committee, of which Senator Slack is chairman, which is unlikely. The Senate always has been the stumbling block to the measure in its oft repeated attempt to pass the Vermont legislation.

Much the same arguments were used pro and con as have been used in times past, the defenders claiming that the money is theirs when earned and they are entitled to it, that they would be able to get cash discounts on their purchases, etc.; and the opponents objecting to it on the grounds of impracticability and unconstitutionality. Each side was allowed to question indiscriminately and there were decidedly interesting colloquies, some of which were even applauded.

Representative Smith of Rutland, who introduced the bill in the House, presented a petition signed by 2,500 names of workmen of Vermont asking for weekly payments—the same petition put before the House committee and which was kept from Attorney Powers, causing him to make some caustic remarks. Representative Smith laid the petition down on the table and Powers pounced upon it with the avidity of a dog discovering a bone. He ran his finger down the columns of names and then settled back with a look of satisfaction.

"Mr. Smith," he queried, "is this the same petition presented to the House committee?"

"I suppose so."

"Are those the Rutland signers under 'Rutland'?" "A part of them."

"Is that handwriting the same?" was the next question, while the questioner ran his finger down the column.

"I couldn't say," was the reply.

Again the questioner was asked, this time a little more forcibly, eliciting the same response, with the additional statement that he (Smith) didn't know anything about the petition except that it was handed to him.

"Are there several names in the same handwriting?" continued Powers, holding the petition before Smith's eyes. "There may be," was the latter's reply.

Then Powers made the statement that his former suspicions were confirmed, that some one had sat down and wrote a lot of names of his own accord—in other words the petition was deliberately "padded." He said that the Rutland R. R. employees do not want weekly payments and added further that when they wanted them they would get them.

Representative Page of Barre city, Brooks of St. Albans town, Maxfield of Johnson, and Malone of Fair Haven and Fred Bruce and Alex Robertson were the speakers for the bill. Bruce said that he represented the workmen of Vermont, and particularly of Barre and vicinity. He was interrogated by William Alexander, president of the Barre Granite Manufacturers' Association.

"Are you delegated by the Barre unions to come here because they are dissatisfied?"

"I am here because they sent me here to work for weekly payments."

"Have not the Barre unions in effect an agreement which is to run three years yet, in which there is a pay day clause?" "Yes, they have, but no clause greater than the laws of Vermont."

"Is your position consistent in repudiating your agreement with some corporations in Barre?" "I hold myself amenable," said Bruce, "to the laws of Vermont."

"Would you advise the men to repudiate their agreement?"

"I shall advise my union men to stand by their agreement."

Then Powers questioned Bruce. "You

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